

## Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> May 2000-05-04

### Committee Meeting Minutes

**Present:** John Rombi(Committee), John Koster (Treasurer), Noel Sharpe (President), Bobbie Elston (Committee), Pete Elston(Comm), Daniel Ross (Vice Pres.) and Phillip Ainsworth (Secretary.)

**Apologies:** Bob Bee (member), Peter Drurey (Committee)

**Previous Minutes:** Read and accepted.

#### President's Report:

**New Business:** *Bicentennial Exhibition.* A David Malin astrophotography exhibition that we are going to be part of. Phil to contact Tristan Sharpe 0246201333 and be liaison officer for the event, to see what we can do at the exhibition. Also going to ask if David Malin would be a patron for our society. Date 16<sup>th</sup> June 2000 till 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2000. The committee are planning to have volunteers to man a static display and table for the society, eg; Macbino's and McDob etc;

*Uni Open Day: May 6<sup>th</sup>:* Before our event Science fair 2-5pm. BBQ 5-6pm. Also a table and static display will be in building 21 for the public. Tickets for a raffle 1<sup>st</sup> prize- Rugbir Book on Australian Astronomers ?, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize free 1 year membership of MAS and 3<sup>rd</sup>, bottle of wine. The main speaker is Russel Cannon speaking 6-640 p.m. with ten mins questions. Noel on the society till 7pm, (a map will be present for the public of where to go for observing. then three 15 minute talks by the Dean of the Uni on the Origin of Life, Rugbir -Life On Mars, and Frank Stoopman on SETI then the public star night society commences.(14 scopes ?) when the Astronomical observing will take place near the domes. .The MAS star night starts when all the public have departed. Target notes on objects will be available for those astronomers who require them.

If rain- from The Thursday night- Car Park observing, if rained out totally a static display indoors of scopes. At 5pm set up as someone is minding the scopes till 8.pm When arrive, each astronomer looks at different object (to be organised on the night).

*Speakers:* In May it is hoped a guest speaker will be arranged by Rugbir. The speakers possibly being Dr. Michelle Storey or Elaine Saddler. Fred Watson in around August David Malin June? With 6pm dinner(place to be arranged). Bobbie and Pete Elston (Bobbie will be in May on Galaxies if our guest speaker can't be arranged in time. (talk on Galaxies).

*Prime Focus:* Phil typing up as sub-editor with an offer from John Rombi to assist is workload too heavy. And all articles in by this week. Phil will put in on disk.

John Koster Treasurer and phone number to be placed onto Prime Focus. Section Leaders Phil Planetary; Noel Sharpe as Field Night person.

*Star Nights:* Dates for viewing nights will be in Prime Focus for May newsletter. It is emphasised that much care and safety must be implemented going to the Oaks site.

*Membership:* prominent long serving members still not financial.

Extensions of a 3 month waver till April 30<sup>th</sup> is put in place already. Any member after this date will be considered non-financial and debated in the committee meetings if they will be accepted back in with or with a joining fee.

It has been agreed upon by the committee Peter moved the motion of associate membership at \$15.00 with no joining fee, John Koster 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favour, the motion passed.. This will allow people who cannot attend many meetings but wish to be members and get Prime Focus they can do so. There is still some debate on eligibility of who can become an associate member. Phil is sending a revised application form down to a possible associate member who lives in Tasmania and enjoys our journal. All previous members from 96-98 are going to be put in archives on the database, 1999 and 2000 will be on Database for committee members access.

**Secretaries Report:** *Mail:* Memberships not coming in, community library being sent in by Phil Ainsworth. Prime Focus being mailed out by John Koster.

**Vice President's report:** Nil

**Treasurers Report :** Nil

**Committee Members Report :** Nil

**Meeting Closed :** 9.15pm